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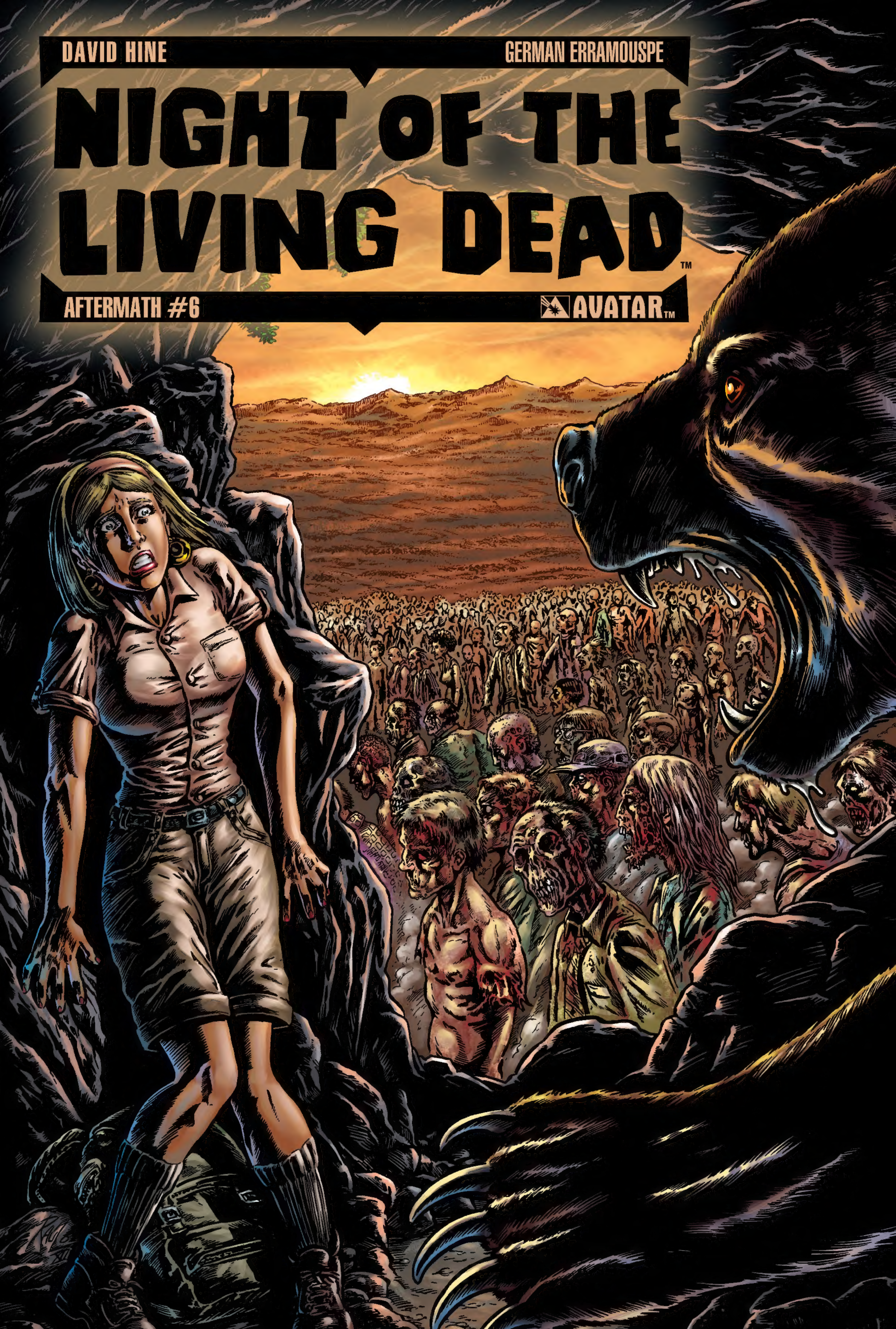

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YOU FUCKERS PICKED THE WRONG GUY TO MESS WITH!

...AND YOU FUCKED IT UP!

OF ALL THE HANDS, IN ALL THE POKER GAMES I EVER PLAYED, THIS WAS THE ONE I WAS WAITING FOR.

THIS WAS THE FUCKING MONEYSHOT OF THE MOVIE OF MY FUCKING LIFE...

SCREW THIS!

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BULLETS TO WASTE ON YOU NUMBSKULLS.

I SURELY DO HATE TO WASTE GOOD SCOTCH WHISKY.

NOW IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, THE SURVIVAL MANUALS RECOMMEND GUNSHOT TO THE HEAD, DECAPITATION, OR...

...INCINERATION.

OH, YEAH...NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

THIS IS ONE HELL OF A PARTY, BUT I KNOW WHEN I'VE OUTSTAYED MY WELCOME.

I'M SORRY IT HAD TO GO DOWN THIS WAY, GUYS. I KNOW YOU'D WANT ME TO TAKE WHAT'S MINE.

UKKURRRKK

ANYONE ASKS, I'LL TELL THEM YOU WENT OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY.

IT *HAD* TO BE THE PENTHOUSE SUITE. WHAT ARE THE ODDS MY DAMN LIGHTER RUNS OUT OF FUEL HALFWAY DOWN?

STORY OF MY LIFE. 'VIC FARGO, WINS A HUNDRED GRAND, SURVIVES A ZOMBIE ATTACK, THEN FALLS DOWNSTAIRS AND BREAKS HIS FUCKING NECK.'

FOR GOODNESS SAKE, NOW WHERE IS IT? I KNOW I DIDN'T FORGET--

--AH! THERE YOU ARE.

MY LUCKY LADY LIBERTY GLOW LIGHT.

OH, MY LORD, THERE MUST BE A THOUSAND DOLLARS JUST LAYING HERE FOR THE TAKING.

♪♫ 'LUCK, BE A LADY, TONIGHT.' ♪♫

MYRA! I GOT THE SUITCASE.

WHERE ARE YOU?

OH, SHUCKS!

SAM...DO SOMETHING!

GET AWAY FROM MY WIFE!

COME ON, WE HAVE TO GO.

DIRTY, FILTHY THING! TRYING TO TAKE WHAT'S MINE!

YOU WANT THIS? YOU WANT MY MONEY?!

MYRA, IT'S NOT INTERESTED IN--

TAKE IT!

MWUURRGGGHH

AAAKKKHH

SAM! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

NO PULSE. SHE'S DEAD.

WHO'S THERE? IDENTIFY YOURSELVES!

I'M SENATOR PAXMAN. I CAN VOUCH FOR EVERYONE WITH ME.

WHAT HAPPENED?

DEAD-EYE DICK HERE JUST SHOT A COUPLE OF HOTEL GUESTS.

I-I THOUGHT THEY WERE TURNED.

IN THIS LIGHT, HOW COULD I TELL?

I CHALLENGED THEM. I SWEAR TO GOD, I CHALLENGED THEM. THEY DIDN'T RESPOND. ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS SAY SOMETHING-

WE NEED TO GET SOME LIGHTS ON.

I'M THE HOTEL MANAGER. I'VE SENT AN ENGINEER TO TURN ON THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR...

"...ANY MINUTE NOW..."

SAM? THE BATTERY'S ALMOST DEAD. I CAN'T SEE YOU.

"...THE LIGHTS WILL BE BACK ON."

OH

N-NO. PLEASE. OH, SWEET BABY JESUS!

THUNK

HEY, LADY. YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND THE CASHIER IN THIS DUMP?

I GOT ME SOME WINNINGS I NEED TO CASH IN.

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT. SAM NEVER WANTED TO COME TO VEGAS. HE HATES GAMBLING. JUST A BUNCH OF GREEDY FOLKS TRYING TO GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

I DON'T WANT THE MONEY. YOU HEAR ME, SAM? I DON'T WANT ONE NICKEL OF IT.

COME ON, NOW. YOU DON'T HAVE NOTHING TO REPROACH YOURSELF FOR. YOU HEAR ME, DARLIN'?

DON'T YOU 'DARLING' ME, YOUNG MAN! YOU DON'T KNOW JACK SQUAT!

WELL, ACTUALLY I GUESS I DO KNOW A LITTLE.

SEE, RIGHT HERE IN THIS BAG, THERE'S 100,000 DOLLARS IN CHIPS.

NOT BAD FOR A DAY'S WORK, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

THING IS...EVEN BEFORE TODAY, BEFORE ALL THESE FOLKS STARTED RESURRECTING...TWO PEOPLE ALREADY DIED FOR THIS MONEY.

IF I DON'T CASH THESE CHIPS IN AND GET THE MONEY TO A MAN IN NEW YORK BY TOMORROW...

...WELL, HE'S GOT MY WIFE AND KIDS LOCKED UP SOME PLACE.

HE KIDNAPPED YOUR FAMILY?

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE POLICE?

THAT WAS ONE OPTION. ONE OF SEVERAL. I'M NOT GOOD AT DECISION-MAKING. I ROLLED THE DICE AND... SOMETHING ELSE CAME UP.

WHAT DID YOU DO?

I ROBBED A BANK.

BANKS DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE AS MUCH CASH ON SITE AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE. I'D HAVE HAD TO ROB A HALF-DOZEN TO PAY WHAT I OWED, BUT IT WAS ENOUGH TO STAKE ME FOR THE POKER GAME.

I'M SORRY FOR YOUR TROUBLE...

...BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET TO NEW YORK BY TOMORROW OR ANY TIME SOON.

SHIT!

DON'T TURN AROUND, JUST START MOVING TOWARDS THE DOOR. WE'VE GOT COMPANY...

MY HUSBAND...

...I DON'T WANT HIM TURNING INTO ONE OF THOSE THINGS.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

BLAMM

BLAMM

BLAMM

KLIKK

OKAY.

DID YOU DO IT?

YEAH, YEAH. IT'S DONE.

"HE WON'T BE COMING BACK."

MWUURRGHAAHH

LISTEN UP! NEWS FROM WASHINGTON IS THAT THE REVENANT VIRUS HAS SPREAD ACROSS THE WHOLE OF THE EASTERN AND CENTRAL STATES, AS FAR AS TULSA, OKLAHOMA AND OMAHA UP IN NEBRASKA.

THE PRESIDENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A LAST SECURE BORDER HAS BEEN SET UP ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

THE MISSISSIPPI? BUT THAT'S FIFTEEN HUNDRED MILES FROM HERE.

SO, WE'VE BEEN ABANDONED.

MY ORDERS ARE TO AID YOUR PASSAGE TO THE EASTERN UNITED STATES.

VEHICLES ARE BEING PREPARED AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING FOR IMMEDIATE EVACUATION.

I HAVE PAPERS I NEED TO FETCH FROM MY ROOM.

THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE. A FIRE HAS BROKEN OUT IN THE PENTHOUSE AND IS SPREADING RAPIDLY.

DAMN.

HEY, BUDDY. YOU'RE THE MANAGER HERE, RIGHT? I GOT SOME CHIPS NEED CASHING.

ARE YOU CRAZY?

ONE OR TWO PEOPLE HAVE SAID I MAY BE.

I STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU CASH THE GENTLEMAN'S CHIPS FOR HIM.

YOU KNOW WHAT? HELP YOURSELF. THIS WHOLE PLACE IS GOING TO BURN TO THE GROUND ANYWAY.

YOU AREN'T GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE FOR YOURSELF?

GO AHEAD. I WON'T TELL.

WHAT WOULD I DO WITH IT?

I IMAGINE RIGHT NOW YOU COULD WALK INTO ALMOST ANY STORE OR BANK IN THIS TOWN AND EMPTY THE CASH REGISTERS.

A WEEK FROM NOW, A TRUCKLOAD OF CASH WON'T BUY YOU A TIN OF BEANS.

HEY! OVER HERE!

WHERE'S YOUR MONEY?

YOU WERE RIGHT. I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT TO NEW YORK BY TOMORROW.

LET'S ROLL!

RANGE ROVER

Las Vegas
71 MILES
OKAY, EVERYONE, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK AND WAIT FOR THE REST OF THE SURVIVORS TO JOIN US.
THE MORE OF US THERE ARE MOVING IN THE CONVOY, THE SAFER WE'LL BE.
I DON'T SEE ANY VEHICLES.
WHAT'S THAT? IT LOOKS LIKE A WHOLE CROWD OF PEOPLE ARE LEAVING ON FOOT.

THOSE AREN'T SURVIVORS.

TAKE A LOOK.

HOLY FUCK!

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON OUR OWN.

WE HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF US, SO I SUGGEST WE GET STARTED.

WHAT'S COMING? YOU SAW SOMETHING.

THEY'RE *ALL* COMING.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE RESURRECTED ARE ON THE ROAD AND HEADING THIS WAY.

THEY DON'T MOVE FAST, BUT THEY WON'T STOP. WHEN WE REST, THEY'LL KEEP RIGHT ON GOING.

"AT LEAST WE KNOW WHAT'S BEHIND US.

"LORD KNOWS WHAT'S WAITING UP AHEAD..."

NEXT: SANCTUARY PART ONE...